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# Abuse of Children

## General Information & Procedure



### OVERVIEW

There are several forms of child abuse.

**Child Abuse:** Intentional infliction of physical or mental injury upon a child.

**Aggravated Child Abuse:** Commits aggravated battery on a child; willfully tortures, maliciously punishes, or willfully and unlawfully cages a child or causes great bodily harm, permanent disability or permanent disfigurement to the child.

**Neglect of a Child:** A caregiver's failure to provide a child with the care, supervision, and services necessary to maintain the child's physical and mental health, including, but not limited to, food, nutrition, clothing, shelter, supervision, medicine, and medical services.

*\*ALL abuse should be reported. Any person that knows or has reasonable cause to suspect has the responsibility to report such knowledge or suspicion to the authorities.*

### REPORTING

If you know or have reasonable cause to suspect child abuse and/or neglect, report to:

1. School Personnel
2. Take Stock in Children Director of Program Services
3. Department of Children and Families
  - Abuse Hotline: 1-800-962-2873